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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS

REF: STATE 154600

1. DURING MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OSOT KOSIN
AUGUST 8 ECON/CML. COUNSELOR USED DIRECT WORDING FROM
REFTEL TO STRESS USG DESIRE FOR "MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS"
AND "AD REFERENDUM UNDERSTANDINGS" AND NEED FOR OSOT
KOSIN TO GO TO WASHINGTON TO SIGN FORMAL AGREEMENT WITHIN
30 TO 60 DAYS AFTER TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS IN BANGKOK AT END
AUGUST.

2. OSOT KOSIN RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO PRESENTATION MADE.
INDICATED HE WAS PREPARED TO PROCEED UNDER CONDITIONS
SET FORTH ABOVE AS LONG AS MEETINGS AT END AUGUST WERE
NOT FORMAL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. LETTER BEING SENT
KOSIN TO SUMMARIZE CONVERSATION AND UNDERSTANDINGS
REACHED. MFA BEING INFORMED.

3. QUESTION RAISED BY OSOT KOSIN ABOUT PROTOCOL RANK
OF JURICH. SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY PM HE COULD ONLY
FUNCTION AS LEADER OF THAI DELEGATION FOR END OF AUGUST
MEETINGS IF JURICHOOF ROUGHLY EQUAL RANK. IF LOWER
THAN OSOT KOSIN THEN HEAD OF FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT
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(SUTHEE) IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE WOULD BE DELEGATION

CHIEF. HOWEVER, SAID SUTHEE NOT INFORMED ON TEXTILES
AND SEEKING TO AVOID THIS ASSIGNMENT. EMBASSY OF FIRM
OPINION THAT US INTERESTS AND PROGRESS OF TALKS BEST
SERVED WITH OSOT KOSIN IN CHARGE.

4. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FOUR
DAYS SHOULD BE ADEQUATE TO COMPLETE "MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS"
BEING CONTEMPLATED, AND THREE MAY BE ADEQUATE. HOWEVER,
FIRM CONCLUSIONS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL MEETINGS
UNDERWAY. OSOT KOSIN HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT AUGUST 27
WILL BE OPENING DAY.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY ASAP OF JURICH
RANK. ARRIVAL TIME, HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND OTHER
LOGISTICAL DETAILS ALSO REQUESTED.
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